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AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference



Mountain Region. Entries from multi-office firms are limited to work designed in the office located in any one of the six states in the Western Mountain Region = Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. The intent of the design awards program is to honor the highest standards of design in response to user requirements, site, context, climate and environment. Each entry, regardless of size or classification, is judged individually on the basis of total design merit.

There are two categories in which projects may be entered.

- **Distinguished Building Awards** - Recognizes significant achievements in the planning, design and execution of recent BUILT projects.
- **Unbuilt Design Awards** - Recognizes achievements in architectural design for commissioned projects that may or may not be built.

To enter your projects visit the www.aielasvegas.org or the www.aiawmr.org websites and download the Entry Form. Then simply follow the instructions.

Eligibility: Any work of architecture completed since January 1, 2007, regardless of location, may be entered with the stipulation that the architecture was directed and substantially executed by design professionals and/or firms that are members of the AIA Western Mountain Region. Only the "firm-of-record" or in its absence, the "architect-of-record" may submit entries for this competition. When the architect is not the sole author, all other participants substantially contributing to the design of the project must be given credit.

Awards Timeline:

May 1 – July 18, 2011 - Call for Entries
July 18, 2011 – Deadline for Entry Forms & Fees
July 28, 2011 – Submittals Due prior to 5PM
August 1, 2011 – Late Submittals Due prior to 5PM (\$100.00 additional fee)
August 15, 2011 – Results from the Jury
August 22, 2011 – Award Recipients Notified
October 8, 2011 – WMR Design & Honor Awards Presentation Program

Entry Fee:

\$200 per entry

Late Entry Fee: You may purchase a late entry fee for an additional \$100.

Entry fees are non-refundable. No exceptions. Make checks/payments payable to AIA Las Vegas.

2011 WMR Design Awards Presentation: Award recipients will be announced at the WMR Design Awards Gala to be held, as a part of the 2011 WMR Conference. The Awards Gala will be held at the ARIA Hotel at City Center, Las Vegas, Nevada on 6:00PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Registration for the Conference, and tickets for the Awards Gala can be purchased online at www.aielasvegas.org. Tickets for the Gala dinner and awards presentation are \$125 each until September 1st and \$150 each after September 1st. Tables of 8 can be purchased prior to September 1st for \$1,000 or after September 1st for \$1,250.



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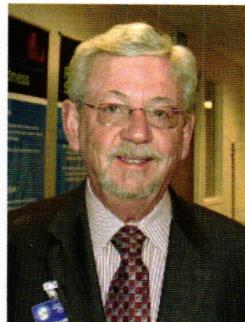
The battle continues to rage in the state legislature and we are watching vigilantly for bills that affect the architectural profession. Assembly Bill 183 which directly affected school construction and modernization funds was supported by the AIA and passed both the House and the Senate but was vetoed by the Governor. It is being argued in the Assembly again in efforts to acquire the 2/3 majority to overturn the veto.

Assembly Bill 144 which makes provisions for local preference in selection of design build teams on publicly funded projects is still being revised and debated. AIA Nevada PAC has been very active in the creation and refinement of this bill. We have spent many man-hours working on crafting language that was supportive of our local industry but maintained a competitive marketplace for public funds.



Many of you have yet to send in your dime-a-day donations to our PAC fund. A simple check for \$36.50 will go a long way to support our efforts on a local and state level to advocate for bills that make a difference to our businesses, employees and our clients. I know that \$36.50 is a lot of money these days, but your efforts and sacrifice will facilitate a better future for our state and the practice of architecture. I want to reiterate the importance of our fundraising efforts in ensuring that future architects are well-informed, unified and positioned to influence Nevada's political landscape.

In these uncertain financial times our unity as a profession can be a decisive force in the decision making of our elected officials. There will be landmark changes to the governance and structure of this state in the coming months; the state of Nevada needs the problem solving ability of architects. The state needs YOU. Please don't sit on the sideline for another minute! Start by calling AIA NV at 702.895.0936 to donate by credit card or sending in your check (made payable to AIA NV PAC) to AIA Nevada, 401 S. 4th St., Ste. 175, Las Vegas, NV 89101.



FRED HILLERBY LEGISLATIVE REPORT
LOBBYIST FOR AIA NEVADA

This Legislative fortnight began with the death of the first bill at the hands of a gubernatorial veto, and ended with the deaths of some 325 others at the hands the first major deadline for legislation. AB 183 was vetoed by the Governor, and Friday, April 15 marked the day non-budget bills had to pass out of committee. But like Lazarus, some of these ideas will rise again before the end of the session as amendments or in conference committees.

This period also marked the half way point of the 120 day session, the end of salaries for Legislators, and the beginning of budget closings. The standoff over taxes and the budget continues, and Legislative Democrats announced a new plan for closing budgets in hopes of finding some Republican support for increased revenue. This tactic comes with some risk, and the clock is ticking quickly towards an end that could ruin some summer vacations plans, if not a few political careers.

While this is the time of the session when tempers reliably flare, this session has seen a new dynamic. Term limits and open Congressional seats mean that a number of Democratic lawmakers are looking at competing against one another for higher office, while others will be competing for leadership positions in the next session. Others face tough reelection campaigns in competitive districts and will struggle with a vote for a tax bill that will almost certainly be vetoed.

The next deadlines will come at a faster pace as we run through the second half of the session. Bills must be out of their house of origin by April 26, with fast-approaching deadlines for second house and committee passage during May. The Economic Forum meets May 2 and will provide the Governor and Legislators with the final revenue numbers they must use to balance the budget. We will soon see who is holding a strong hand, who is bluffing, and who will fold when the stakes get high.

It is with sadness we note the passing of UNR President Milt Glick on April 16. He was a great advocate for the University, an important voice for higher education, and a friend we will miss.



AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEAN COULTER, AIA

I first want to point out that I thought the AIA Las Vegas membership meeting went great this past month. I know, I shouldn't be writing about AIA Las Vegas stuff here when I am representing the State, but I will make a connection...I promise. Anyway, it was the annual High School design awards where local high school students compete for cold hard cash and scholarships. Also, it was the annual AIA Las Vegas Unbuilt Awards program. It's great to see that there are so many wonderful projects that are ready to be built. The quality of design has increased substantially in the past few years and I hope that many of the entries become realized in the very near future.

Now, back to my connection I promised. The high school design competition that has been put on for....well, more years than I have fingers and toes, has been a great program that brings out the best of the high school design, architecture and drafting students. Many of the past winners have gone on to become architects and architecture firm owners, as a matter of fact, Wade Simpson, my partner, was a past recipient. We have also hired past winners in our firm as they are top-notch draftspersons and, more importantly, critical thinkers. This shows how great the drafting and design programs are in our schools and how wonderful the teachers must be, my hats off to them.

As everyone knows, these students are the future of our profession and I believe this program is a great way to foster their interest in the profession. Unfortunately, many of the drafting and design programs are being cut due to lack of funding or other reasons. This will have a grave impact, not only on the awards program moving forward, but on the profession in our State as well. I'm not sure what the exact numbers are, but a substantial amount of students will now be left without any chance of getting a quality drafting and design education at the high school level. This begs the question, how many high school students will now go into other fields or not be competitive in architecture because of this unfortunate situation?

This is happening at the same time the UNLV School of Architecture is making great strides in its program by bringing on 4 new full-time faculty; creating a state-of-the-art Sim lab and other great programs where quality, not quantity, is the focus. They have also just finished the accreditation review and feel confident that it will yield full accreditation for another 6 years. So how can the profession help at the high school level to ensure UNLV SoA gets the brightest students from our communities? Or, more specifically, ask yourself, "What can I do to help?"

I believe we all agree that the youth are the future, so let's get involved with our youth and help give them a chance to become a great architect in our State and local communities.

I would welcome any thoughts that you may have on this subject. Please contact me any time to discuss as I feel that this is important to our profession and more important to the students.

MENTORS NEEDED



Did you know that YOU can help direct the future of the architecture profession? YOU can have a profound influence on future architects. YOU can monitor, guide, teach and direct AIA interns and help them to achieve licensure and a place in the architectural community. All you have to do is register with the AIA Nevada Chapter to be a mentor for the IDP (Intern Development) program. Now is the time to put your own experience and expertise to work. Share your knowledge with those who can benefit most. Become a Mentor. If you are interested contact Randy Lavigne, Executive Director of AIA Nevada at rlavigne@aianevada.org

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AIA NORTHERN NEVADA SCHOLARSHIPS

AIA Northern Nevada, in conjunction with the National Chapter of the AIA, is awarding \$3,500 in scholarships to architecture students from Northern Nevada for the 2011-2012 school year. AIANN has two scholarship programs with awards provided to local students pursuing a career in architecture.

The **Graham Erskine Memorial Scholarship**, named for noted northern Nevada architect Graham Erskine is awarded to students currently enrolled in their second year or later of an accredited school of Architecture. This year's recipients are:

- Caralina Julian of Fallon, attending University of Idaho (\$1,500 award).
- Jack Hotho of Minden, attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (\$750 award).
- Andrew Norby of Spring Creek, attending Montana State University (\$750 award).

The **Raymond Hellmann Memorial Scholarship**, named for noted northern Nevada architect Raymond Hellmann is awarded to current Truckee Meadows Community College, or high school students who are planning to attend a school of Architecture. This year's recipient is:

- David Garcia, Truckee Meadows Community College to attend New School of Architecture or UNLV (\$500 award).

Funds for the AIA Northern Nevada Scholarship program have come from friends and family of Graham Erskine, AIA and Raymond Hellmann, AIA and the AIA Northern Nevada members, allied professionals, individuals interested in the architecture profession for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent and potential for success in the profession. Additional funds for this scholarship have been provided from the AIA National Component as a part of the Component Matching Grant program.

The recipients will be honored at the AIANN quarterly lunch on Thursday, May 12, 2011.



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AIA Northern Nevada has created a facebook page which will help us communicate with our members and the community. Please take a moment to visit us by searching for American Institute of Architects Northern Nevada on Facebook and click "like" to keep up to date on all that is happening at AIANN.



8TH ANNUAL CANSTRUCTION

The 8th Annual CANstruction was held at Reno's Meadowood Mall March 31 through April 3, 2011. The event was a huge success, putting the spotlight on hunger while showcasing the northern Nevada design community's best and brightest. Twelve teams built canned food structures. Each structure was fantastic and creative.

The canned and boxed food used in the building all 12 structures totaled 18,936 pounds and it was all donated to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. The Food Bank estimates a meal weighs 1.25 pounds, so this CANstruction event produced an astonishing 15,149 meals. At an average cost of \$.69 per pound of canned goods, the food used in the CANstruction event also represents an important savings of \$13,066 to the Food Bank's food purchase budget.

Recipients of awards were recognized at the awards ceremony on March 31st:

- Juror's Favorite – "Sea of Possibilities to End Hunger" by Jerry Whitehead's 5/6 School Within A School Program with design professional, Dolores Henderson
- Best Meal – "Hunger is Monumental" by Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows with design professional, JR Romero, AIA
- Structural Ingenuity – "Can you Spare one Can?" by NV Energy and design professional, Jimmy Walker
- Best Use of Labels – "SpongeBob SquarePants" by Cold Springs Middle School with Travis Bryan, AIA
- Honorable Mention – "CANterbury CANstle" by Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center with design professional, Pete Dube, AIA
- Honorable Mention – "CANTamos Contra El Hambre" by Team Up and Alice Maxwell Elementary with design professional, Ken Bartlett, AIA

AIANN members also led teams that created great structures:

- "Target Hunger", by Food Bank of Northern Nevada with Dave Eckes, AIA.
- "Tuna Fish" by GuiDenby, Inc. and Mt. Rose Elementary School with Allyson Wong, AIA
- "It's as Easy as A, B, C" by Reno New Generations Rotary with Lee Harris, Allied Professional & Erik Fong, AIA

For the second year, the public was invited to vote for their favorites for \$1.00 per vote. The People's Choice voting brought in an additional \$1,027 donations to the Food Bank. AIA Northern Nevada would like to thank members who helped sponsor CANstruction. HMC Designing Futures Foundation, **FRED GRAHAM, AIA** and his wife **JANICE**, and **PAT PUSICH, AIA** all donated sponsor funds.

CANstruction 2011 was co-chaired by **FRED GRAHAM, AIA**, **WORTH GROUP ARCHITECTS** and **DAVE ECKES, AIA**, **DAVID J. ECKES ARCHITECT, LTD.** We thank Fred and Dave for the many hours spent on this very successful event.



DESIGN MATTERS

WAN LEE CONE, ASSOC. AIA

This year, the informal monthly gatherings, for the young designers in the Northern Nevada area, have gotten off to a great start. We have seen familiar faces and met new designers. Plus, we continue to explore local bars and restaurants in Reno. What we have seen is that many young designers, especially in the architectural field, are unemployed or not getting the opportunity to design what they believe in. However, this has given many an opportunity to study for and take their architectural registration exams and others a chance to compete in design competitions. In a time when things are still depressed in our field, it is always good to be able to find the silver lining. So if you would like to have the opportunity to get support or a study partner for the AREs, or if you would like to just have a chance to talk about design with like minded individuals, then come by and join us for a drink one of these nights. You can sign up for updates on our facebook page, yodeng - reno, or you can send an email to wanlee.cone@gmail.com. Our event for May will be on May 25, 2011 at 6 pm. Check the calendar on aiann.org for location. We look forward to seeing you!

21ST ANNUAL DENNIS ASKEW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are very pleased to announce Basalite Concrete Products as the Title Sponsor for the 21st Annual Dennis Askew Memorial Golf Tournament on

Monday, August 22, 2011. Basalite is a long-time supporter of AIA Northern Nevada. Basalite is one of the top ten largest suppliers of concrete products in the United States. Basalite began its core business with Concrete Masonry Units. In addition to structural CMU for building construction, Basalite offers materials for sound walls, fences, segmented retaining systems; interlocking paving stones, stepping stones, tree rings and edging (in both concrete and recycled materials) and decorative rock. Their Dry Mix product line consists of bagged concrete, cement, mortar, and sand products.

Once again the tournament site will be the outstanding Montreux Golf and Country Club. Montreux is the home of the PGA Tour's Reno-Tahoe Open. AIA Northern Nevada is very privileged to be one of a select group of non-profit organizations to be able to take advantage of Montreux's hospitality for the day. Entry forms will be posted on the AIA NN website. Additional sponsorship opportunities are also available.

We want to thank Gordon Hinkel, Basalite Reno's General Manager, for the support of the 2011 tournament.

Please email to aiann.org with questions about participating in this year's tournament.

THE DESIGN ALLIANCE

DESIGN MATTERS CONFERENCE 2011

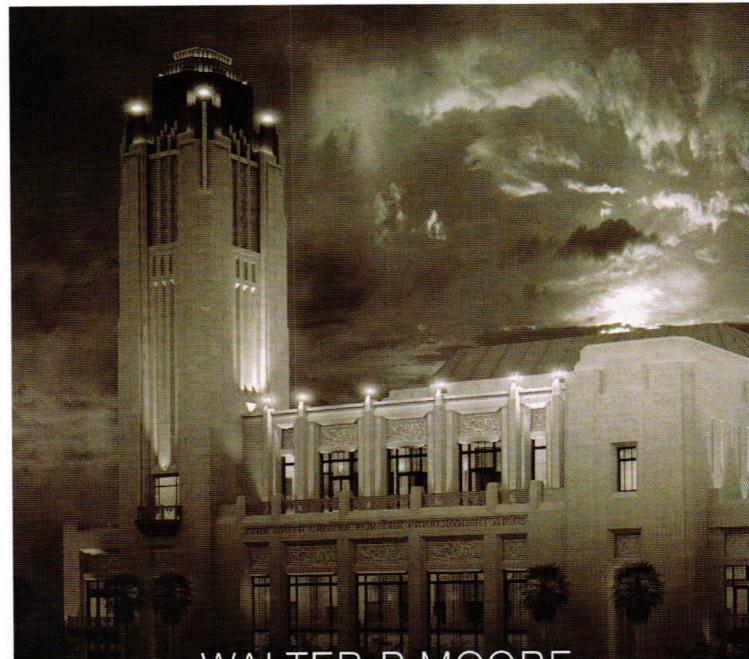
Two years ago, AIA Northern Nevada, along with the Black Rock Design Institute, helped form the Design Alliance, a loosely fitted consortium made up of most of the design professions in the Truckee Meadows. The group is made up of architects, planners, graphic designers, interior designers, landscape architects, photographers, artists -- just to name a few.

Its main goal is to promote and advocate for design in all its forms on a regional platform and to become a larger voice in supporting community-wide design projects that enhance our quality of life in Northern Nevada.

To bring everyone closer to our mission, the Design Alliance has announced its first "Design Matters 2011" conference, to be held on October 20th, 2011, at the Nevada Museum of Art. The conference will include a keynote speaker, focusing on interdisciplinary design, a slide slam, and opening and closing receptions that will focus on bringing our design community closer to the common goal of design really does matter.

The backbone of the conference will be a juried design competition to create and produce a chair that meets a certain design criteria that will include functionality, sustainability, and creativity. Cash awards will be given to the first and second place winners, along with a Peoples' Choice award for the most popular piece. All the chairs will then be offered for sale in a silent auction to conclude the evening.

Save the date Notices will be sent soon with more details and information. The event will be free to the public.



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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROB FILARY, AIA

I know information about the 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference will be found throughout this newsletter, on the AIA Las Vegas website, in Randy's head, and on the fridge in my office (feel free to stop by anytime to read the flyer); however, I figure the more I can mention it, the more you might actually remember to mark your calendar! Not only are we anticipating drawing a great crowd from the region, but we are hoping to have our own Las Vegas chapter members in attendance as well. Come on, we need to show the rest of the region how Las Vegans party!

2011 WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION HIGHLIGHTS:

The planning committee has been busy crossing the "t's", dotting the "i's", rounding the "o's", slashing the "x's" (alright, you get it) for this year's conference to be hosted in Las Vegas on October 6-8th. Not only will the event be educational and fun, but we are also focusing on making this event affordable-- with one splurge at the end for the prestigious Design Awards.

Theme: "CONNECTIONS: Physical Abstract Creative"- an exploration of the tangible and conceptual ways in which the states and components of the Western Mountain Region are associated. We are connected through the physical concerns for water, energy, transportation and through the abstract unions of culture, traditions and philosophy, as well as through the creative visions of resourceful and imaginative design. The Conference will be a celebration of all that unites us, and will include an open discussion on our shared potential, our values, our expectations and the future.

Venue: We wanted to show a different side of Vegas other than the Strip. Therefore, the majority of the event will be held downtown at the Historic 5th Street School, with seminars located at various noteworthy buildings throughout the Valley. Although not 100% confirmed at this point, we are anticipating to have seminars at the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Springs Preserve, and Red Rock Visitors Center to name a few.

Speakers: All I can say is that we have some of the best speakers in the region/nation lined up. Yes, consider this a teaser... try googling David Zach, Randall Stout AIA, Mark Roddy AIA, and Les Wallach AIA. Also, keep checking the AIA Las Vegas website for updates.

Hotel Accommodations: To align with our downtown vibe, we have reserved rooms at The Golden Nugget. The Rush Tower is available for \$85 weekdays and \$129 weekends. The Carson Tower is at \$59 and \$99 respectively. For those of you who never want to go home, I've heard the Rush Tower is actually pretty nice!

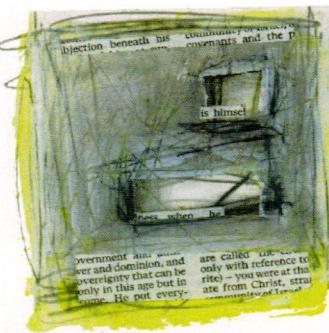
WMR Golf Event: Golfers from all over the WMR Six-State Region will be making connections as they compete for the coveted WMR Trophy. The tournament will be held at the Las Vegas National Golf Club on Saturday.

Additional Tours: In addition to the conference's off-site seminars at various buildings throughout Las Vegas, the committee has been working hard to establish several additional tours for Saturday, October 8th. I can't give specifics at this point, but DAM the tours are looking good (hmmm, was that a Hoover Dam reference?).

Design Awards: The Nevada Design Awards and Western Mountain Region Awards will be held on the same night, at two separate times, at Aria. That's right, in order to truly celebrate the incredible design talent in our region and in our state, plan on getting all dolled-up and busting out the powder blue tuxedos (complete with ruffles)... but most likely it will be a black-tie optional event!

What You Can Do to Help:

- Register to attend the conference, tours, and golf outing.
- Sponsor, sponsor, sponsor!
- Buy Randy, Kelly and Debi a drink because they have been working hard!



MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ART BY ARCHITECTS

Our May Membership Meeting "Art by Architects" is an Art Exhibit, an Art Sale and a Wine Tasting...all in one. And it celebrates the creativity of Architects and all members of the architectural and design community through their artistic endeavors.

To participate and enter a piece of art (or several pieces of your work) email Debi Raffi at draffi@aianevada.org and request the Art by Architects entry form.

Then deliver your artwork to the AIA Las Vegas office by 5:00PM on Monday, May 16th. You may offer your art for sale (50% of sale price to AIA Las Vegas) or simply for exhibit; Or you may donate it to the Chapter to be sold as a fundraiser. You will have this option when you complete the entry form.

Incidentally, though it is called "Art by Architects" the entries are not limited to work by architects. Artwork from students, associates, interns, young architects, allied members and all members of the design community are welcomed.

Join us, and bring all your friends, on Wednesday, May 18th at 5:30PM, when the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School becomes our Art by Architects Gallery and we enjoy the creative talents of our members as we sip and sample delicious varieties of wine. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our creative community. And, who knows, you may sell....or buy.... a priceless work of art. To attend the meeting don't forget to RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org by May 16th.

LEARN ABOUT – TURN ABOUT PRODUCT SHOW RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

AIA Las Vegas has created a Product Show like no other! On Wednesday, September 21st at the Historic Fifth Street School and hosted by **MODERNFOLD OF NEVADA**. Providing Great Marketing Opportunities for EXHIBITORS.

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JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING TOUR GREENSPUN HALL

Have you been inside Greenspun Hall? Anchoring the UNLV campus on the corner of Maryland Parkway and University Street, and proudly housing the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs? If you haven't ...now's your chance to join your AIA friends and associates and take a tour of this wonderful facility. It houses six of the seven academic units that comprise the College of Urban Affairs, and was designed by HKS Architects and Robert A.M. Stern Architects. The building was designed in part to help foster closer collaboration among department faculty and to encourage interdisciplinary efforts to address the critical issues affecting the quality of life in our state, region and the world.

At 120,000 square feet, this massive five-story building features an auditorium, high-definition (HD) media facilities for KUNV-FM and UNLV-TV, student media laboratories, classrooms and faculty offices. In keeping with the college's mission to improve the quality of urban life, the building contains several environmentally forward elements, including a photovoltaic array covering the courtyard, designed for energy conservation and a chilled-beam heating and cooling system, and has achieved a LEED Gold Level recognition.

Join us in the lobby of Greenspun Hall on Wednesday, June 15th at 5:30PM for a reception and tours. There is no charge for AIA members – non-members and guests are \$30.00 – RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org . Please RSVP prior to Monday, June 13th.

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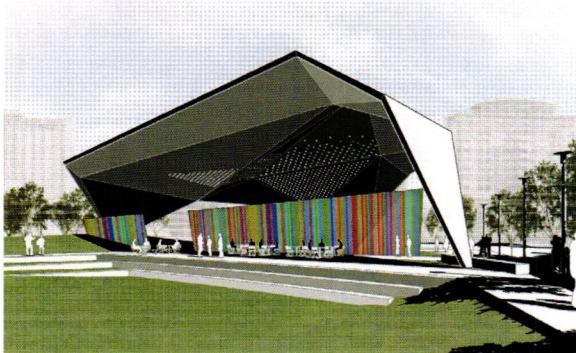
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2011 AIA Las Vegas Unbuilt Design Awards



On April 13th, we saluted the architects and designers who have participated in this year's AIA Las Vegas Unbuilt Design Awards. This program was especially designed to celebrate imagination, ingenuity, resourcefulness and vision where the projects are not required to conform to the realities of constructed work. Through this program we explored the architectural ideas and innovations of creative minds in finding solutions to design problems. This year we had a total of 41 submittals.

HONOR AWARDS



Symphony Park
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects



Safety Village
assemblageSTUDIO



Otay Mesa Land Port of Entry
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects

MERIT AWARDS



First People's Hospital, Shunde District
HMC Architects



Wyndham Tai Chi Lake
YWS America

CITATION AWARDS



Filling The Void
Josh Moser & Mark Bell



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ARCHITECTS SPEAK

Architects are interesting people. That's because they are people who are interested in a wide variety of things. By education and, certainly by their own personal curiosity, they are problem solvers. Many are artists, writers, musicians, and sculptors. Some are researchers, teachers, civic and business leaders. All come to the profession of architecture to "make a difference" to share their knowledge and their experiences and to create, to improve, to advance, to enrich our communities.

AIA Las Vegas is tapping into the rich resource of our members talents and experiences – by presenting a series of programs in which "Architects' Speak". Beginning in February, we will offer these programs as "Brown Bag Lunches". Bring your lunch (we'll provide the beverage) and join us at 11:30AM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. Open to the public, no charge for attending. Learn more about architects and the world we live in when "Architects' Speak". All programs are registered for AIA CLU credits. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org to attend.

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In May we are featuring **DAVID BAIRD, AIA** "The Architect Artist" on Wednesday, May 25 - 11:30AM.

This presentation and subsequent conversation will focus on the intersection between art and architecture; ideas and the creative process. David Baird, AIA will discuss his art work and its connection to his award winning architecture designs. Baird, Director of the School of Architecture at UNLV, is nationally recognized for serving clients of low to moderate means and his commitment socially and economically responsible architecture.

UPCOMING ARCHITECT SPEAK EVENTS

Thursday, June 23 - 11:30AM

ERIC ROBERTS, AIA "The Political Animal"

Thursday, September 22 - 11:30AM

JESS HOLMES, FAIA "Design in the Desert"

HERE'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SPONSORSHIP! You could be the name sponsor for the whole Architects Speak series. Contact Randy Lavigne for a great deal!!!

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT PAGE

Notices of meetings, events, conferences, lectures and CE opportunities from affiliated organizations and others are posted to the "Community Event Connection" page on the AIA Las Vegas website (under "Events"). **If you are looking for local CE events or other community events**, please refer to the Community Event Connections page on www.aialasvegas.org.

LEADERSHIP IN 2012 ELECTION TO THE AIA LV BOARD

Want to help lead your Chapter to greatness? AIA members are afforded unlimited opportunities through their AIA affiliation to participate as leaders. If you are committed to elevating the profession, expanding and improving the Chapter and building a more sustainable and livable communitynot to mention what leadership can do for your personally and for your career..... Your Chapter Needs You. There is great work to be done and we must rely on our greatest resource – AIA Members – to lead the way.

Nominations for service on the 2012 Board of Directors are now being taken and this is one of the most important contributions a member can make. AIA Las Vegas has a "working" Board that is actively involved in setting policy and goals, generating income, representing all AIA members and guiding the future of the chapter. If you are interested in running for election to the board, or know someone who should be nominated, let us know. Contact Randy Lavigne at rлавigne@aianevada.org The following positions are open for nominations.

Position

President-elect/ 2012 President

2 Director Positions

Secretary

Treasurer

Requirements / Duties

Previous architect member of the AIA LV Board of Directors

Lead the Chapter in 2013

Dedicated to enhancing and protecting the profession of architecture; setting policy and goals for the Chapter; fundraising, and representing all AIA Members.

Official recorder of the minutes of the board, parliamentarian, and legal custodian of records, bylaws, rules and articles of incorporation

Financial Resources Director, Chair of Finance Committee, monitors and advises regarding investments, endowment and chapter's financial status. Reviews federal, state and local tax returns, works with accountant and Executive Director.



A BIG "THANK YOU" TO YISSA RENTERIA, ASSOC. AIA

For the last three years, Yissa Renteria, Assoc. AIA has served as Chair of the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards Program, and has done a exemplary job. Yissa wrote and structured this year's design program, which is one of the best in the history of the Chapter.

This year she asked the students to "RE-THINK AFFORDABLE HOUSING" and design a Master Plan that revitalizes the neighborhood by creating a sense of community without the stigma associated with affordable housing.

This year we had 142 students from 7 schools who participated in the High School Design competition. Without the dedication of members like Yissa, we could never continue with such an important program. Thank you, Yissa!

AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference



2011 WMR CONFERENCE HOSTED BY AIA LAS VEGAS

AIA Las Vegas will host the 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference on October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference is "CONNECTIONS: Physical Abstract Creative" and was created to explore the tangible and conceptual ways in which the states and components of the Western Mountain Region are associated. We are connected through the physical concerns for water, energy, transportation and through the abstract unions of culture, traditions and philosophy, as well as through the creative visions of resourceful and imaginative design. The Conference will be a celebration of all that unites us, and will open discussion on our shared potential, values, expectations and future.

Speakers include **JEFF POTTER, FAIA** – 2012 AIA President; **JACOB SNOW**, Director, Regional Transportation Commission; **MARK RODDY, AIA**, SmithGroup, LLC; **CRAIG GALATI, AIA**; **DR. ROBERT LANG**, Director, The Lincy Institute at UNLV; **PAT MULROY**, Director, Las Vegas Valley Water Authority; **LES WALLACH, AIA** – Line & Space; **BRIAN ZAMORA**, Gehry Partners; **RANDALL STOUT, AIA**, Visiting Professor of Architecture at UNLV; Futurist **DAVID ZACH**, and **CURT FENTRESS**, Fentress Architecture.

An Economical Conference – In these difficult times, the 2011 WMR Conference Planning Committee is making every effort to ensure this conference is as affordable as possible, while providing valuable programs that fulfill continuing education requirements for AIA membership and for licensure in most states. Registration fees for AIA members are \$200 or less and will provide as many as 12 CE/HSW credits. We have arranged for a block of rooms at the Golden Nugget Hotel at especially low rates from \$55 per night to \$129. Host Chapter Party and the Design Awards Gala costs will be kept to a minimum so that everyone can attend.

A Sustainable Conference – We have made a commitment to use "Green Steps" in all planning and implementation phases of the conference. Working to reduce and offset impact of travel, reducing and recycling resources and using local sources for food and services. We are making every effort to make this conference as healthy and green as possible.

Register Online Today – Conference registration will soon be available at www.aialasvegas.org and you can reserve your hotel room at the Golden Nugget today by calling 800-634-3454 and identify yourself as being with the Western Mountain Regional Conference.

Sponsorships Available – The conference provides the perfect opportunity to maximize your visibility in the region and expand your marketing efforts. From Host Sponsor to Keynote Speakers to Host Chapter Party, Golf Tournament, Tours and the Design Gala – Numerous opportunities are available. Secure your sponsorship online at www.aialasvegas.org or call 702.895.0936.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION HONOR AWARDS

The AIA Western Mountain Region honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through the AIA WMR Honor Awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture by AIA members, firms and individuals within the six-state region.

The 2011 WMR Honor Awards will be a part of the Western Mountain Region Conference which is being hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter, October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. Award categories are as follows:

Categories:

- The WMR Silver Medal
- The WMR Architecture Firm Award
- The WMR Young Architect Award
- The Award of Distinction
- The 25 Year Award

Awards Timeline:

May 1 – July 18, 2011 - Call for Nominations
 July 18, 2011 – Intent to Participate Forms & Fees Due (Denver, CO)
 July 28, 2011 – Submittals Due prior to 5PM (PST)
 August 15, 2011 – Results from the Jury
 August 22, 2011 – Honor Award Recipients Notified
 October 8, 2011 – WMR Design & Honor Awards Presentation Program

Entry Fee:

\$75 per submittal

Submittal fees are non-refundable. No exceptions. Make checks/payments payable to AIA Western Mountain Region, and mail along with Intent to Participate Forms to Sonia Riggs, Executive Director, AIA Colorado

Please visit the AIAWMR.org website for complete information regarding making nominations for each of the awards and for submittal instructions for each individual category.



THE WMR CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 8th - National Golf Course

It's not too early to sign up your TEAM and reserve your spot for the WMR Golf Tournament today. Go online www.aialasvegas.org and complete your Team Registration Form(s). \$600 per team, \$150 per individual player.

SPONSORS....Don't miss this great marketing/networking opportunity. Secure your sponsorship today by contacting Kelly Lavigne at klavigne@aianevada.org or call 702.895.0936



2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 30 – "Mounting Systems" hosted by Robert Powers of Da-Lite. Registered for 1 LU.

Thursday, July 28 – "2009 Southern Nevada Building and Fire Codes" Hosted by Allyn Vaughn of JBA Consulting Engineers

Thursday, Aug. 11 – Hosted by Angela Williams of NanaWall - Program TBD. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM 11th TO 18th)

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Aon Fire Protection – Program TBD.

Please note: **There is no charge to attend our CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of \$30.**

INTERESTED IN SCHEDULING A CE PROGRAM IN 2011?

AIA Las Vegas continually seeks programs and educational opportunities to present to our membership so that they can achieve their required CE credits. As an AIA/CES "registered provider", AIA Las Vegas can partner with companies that are developing new technology, systems, products and services that impact the industry and whose research and development are of educational benefit to our members. If you would like more information on scheduling a CE Presentation through AIA Las Vegas, please contact Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianevada.org.



EPYAF MENTORSHIP DINNER

The EPYAF committee would like to thank **DR. ROBERT FIELDEN, FAIA** for hosting the April Mentorship event. Dr. Bob (as he is known by his friends)

has practiced architecture in the Las Vegas Valley for over 45 years. Bob has devoted much of his career to serving the profession. He has been the president of AIA Las Vegas 3 times during his career, and he has served in a variety of roles for NCARB including national president. In addition to his many professional accolades, he has recently published his first book, which explores the idea of place making as it relates to building communities. Bob gave those in attendance a rare insiders view into the history of architectural practice in Las Vegas. He encouraged the young professionals to engage one another with a goal of great design that addresses the needs of the end users. He also noted that as young professionals we have a duty to work together to strengthen the profession and help each other reach our collective goals. It was an opportunity to share a candid conversation with a well-accomplished local architect.

During the month of May EPYAF will not be hosting a mentorship dinner as many of our members will be in New Orleans for the AIA national conference. However, the Mentorship dinners will return in June. If you would like to get involved in EPYAF please feel free to contact **JEFF WAGNER, AIA** at 702.435.7234 or at jwagner@rafi-nevada.com. You can also stay in touch via facebook.



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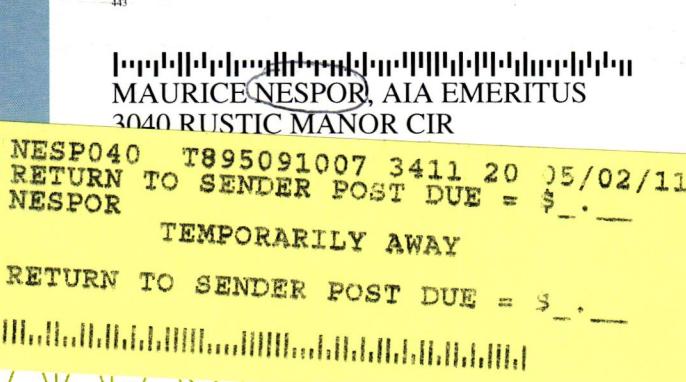
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AIA NORTHERN NEVADA EVENTS

MAY
4 AIANN Executive Board Meeting

- 12 AIANN Q2 Luncheon
Tamarack Junction
- 25 yodeng (tentative)

AIA LAS VEGAS EVENTS

MAY
1 WMR Design- Call for Entries

- 6 38th Annual AIA LV Golf Tournament
- 10 AIA LV Board Meeting
- 12-14 AIA National Convention and Design Expo – New Orleans
- 18 AIA Membership Meeting
- 19 AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

25 Architects Speak – David Baird, AIA
“The Artist Architect”

JUNE
1 AIA Nevada Design – Call for Entries

- 14 AIA LV Board Meeting
- 15 AIA Membership Meeting
- 16 AIA NV Ex Com Meeting
- 23 Architects Speak – Eric Roberts